

Remarks

An Election/Restriction notice is given in response to the addition of claims 16-19. Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-12 are allowed.

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1. Election/Restriction:

An Election/Restriction notice as given in the above-indicated Office action (paper no. 20040203). The applicant is required to elect either claims 16-17 or claims 18-19 for prosecution.

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Response:

Claims 16-19 have all been cancelled, and are therefore no longer in need of consideration.

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2. Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-12 are allowed.

Response:

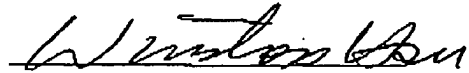
With the cancellation of claims 16-19, the only claims remaining in the instant application are the allowed claims 1-3, 5-7, and 9-12. Therefore, the instant application is in condition for issuance of a patent.

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Respectfully submitted,



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